

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 983

By Daniel

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. William H. McHarris for his meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of the members of this General Assembly to recognize those venerable medical professionals who dedicate their lives to serving their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Dr. William H. McHarris, a dentist of the highest caliber who has treated his patients and their families with the utmost professionalism and compassion during his long, well-respected career; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McHarris is a 1957 graduate of Dobyons-Bennett High School; he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in 1961 from the University of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Dr. McHarris graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry, where he received the International College of Dentistry Award for Top Scholastic Achievement and was president of his class, graduated first in his class, and was elected to both the Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society and the Richard Doggett Dean and Marguerite Taylor Dean Honorary Odontological Society; and

WHEREAS, from 1964 until 2018, Dr. William McHarris was in private practice in Memphis, devoting seventy percent of his in-office time to the management of issues related to temporomandibular disorders (TMD) and dental occlusion; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his private practice, Dr. McHarris has served as an assistant professor in the Department of Prosthodontics at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, College of Dentistry, since 1976 and a TMD clinical instructor in the college's Advanced

Prosthodontics program since 2008; he also serves as the head of the college's Occlusion and TMD Advanced Prosthodontics Program, a post he has held since 2004; and

WHEREAS, Dr. William McHorris has also contributed significantly to his profession through his various research endeavors and subsequent publications; he has devoted a great deal of time to the research of anterior teeth and has published several articles dealing with anterior teeth and the correct anterior disclusive angle; and

WHEREAS, he is currently director and clinician for more than sixty-five active study groups in the United States, Australia, South America, Japan, and Europe; he also participates in and mentors Master of Science research projects in the Department of Prosthodontics and the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, College of Dentistry; and

WHEREAS, trusted and revered throughout his field, Dr. McHorris lectures extensively on occlusal concepts, occlusal waxing procedures, extensive restorative procedures, and treatments of temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorders; on TMJ disorders alone, he has presented over 600 courses and clinics before local, state, regional, national, and international dental groups and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. William McHorris is an active member of numerous dental organizations, including the Memphis Dental Association, the Tennessee Dental Association, the American Dental Association, the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry, and the International Academy of Gnathology, the latter two organizations of which he has served as president; he is also a fellow of the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists; and

WHEREAS, often duly honored for his contributions to his profession, Dr. McHorris received the B.B. McCollum Award for Excellence in Gnathology in 1985 and the Presidential Award from the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry in 2018; he was inducted into the Dobyens-Bennett High School Hall of Fame in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McHorris has devoted his career to compassionate, capable service, and it is fitting that he be honored; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Dr. William H. McHorris for his service to the citizens of Tennessee and his innumerable contributions to the field of dentistry, extending our best wishes to him for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.